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SUBJECT: GOC POSITION ON MEAT/LIVESTOCK IMPORT QUOTAS

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1. AGATT HAD INFORMAL VISIT ON FRIDAY, JULY 11 WITH SENIOR ITC
OFFICIAL RE GOC POSITION ON LIVESTOCK AND MEAT TRADE PROBLEMS.
BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION IT APPEARS CANADA MAY ADVANCE
FOLLOWING POSITION IN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON
JULY 18:

2. CONDITIONS WHICH JUSTIFIED GOC BORDER ACTIONS ON MEAT AND
CATTLE LAST AUGUST NO LONGER EXIST. U.S. AND CANADIAN MARKETS HAVE
COME TOGETHER AND CANADA MUST REMOVE ITS QUOTAS AND EXPECTS U.S.
TO DO SAME. GOC CANNOT TAKE ACTION PIECEMEAL.

3. GOC RECOGNIZES U.S. HAS PROBLEM AND THAT AUSTRALIAN
BEEF IS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR.

4. BELIEVE BOC WILL PROPOSE:

A. U.S. AND CANADA REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED LAST YEAR

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ON BEEF, VEAL, LIVE CATTLE, HOGS AND PORK IN AN ATTEMPT RETURN TO

NORTH AMERICAN MARKET.

B. GOC WILLING CONTINUE LICENSE EXPORTS IN ORDER THAT EXPORTS TO U.S. NOT EXCEED 30 MILLION POUNDS IN CY 75. SOURCE STATED THAT THIS LEVEL, AT WORST, WOULD CAUSE MEAT IMPORT TRIGGER TO BE EXCEEDED BY ONLY 13 MILLION POUNDS; GOC BELIVES SHORTFALL PLUS SOME ASSUMED FLEXIBILITY IN U.S. SYSTEM SHOULD NOT PRESENT ANY PROBLEM TO U.S.

C. GOC WILL CONSULT WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO SEEK ASSURANCES THEY WILL NOT DISRUPT NORTH AMERICAN MARKET I.E. DISCONTINUE COUNTING CANADA AS AN EXPORT CREDIT EARNER AND CEASE SELLING INTO CANADA AT 10 CENT/LB. BELOW U.S. MARKET.

D. FOR CY76 CANADA WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO EARLIER SYSTEM OF HANDLING CANADIAN BEEF IMPORTS UNDER NORTH AMERICAN MARKET CONCEPT. INDICATED ESTIMATED EXPORT TO U.S. IN CY76 OF 30 MILLION POUNDS.

5. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT AUSTRALIANS HVE TOLD GOC THAT THEY ARE REQUIRING AUSTRALIAN EXPORTERS TO FOREGO FURTHER USE EXPORT CREDITS TO U.S. IN CY75 DEFERRING THESE TO CY76. ALSO GOA HAS TOLD GOC THAT GOA COUNTS TRANSSHIPMENTS TO U.S. AGAINST THEIR VOLUNTARY LEVEL.
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